



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MEMORANDUM

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Director

TO: Port of Entry Personnel

FROM: Michael E. Cooper, Chief *MEC*
Bureau of Feeds and Plant Services

DATE: April 19, 2001

RE: Importation and Transit of Honeybees from California

Below is some additional and revised information concerning the movement of honeybees from the State of California.

- 1) Only bees coming **from Los Angeles, Fresno, Madera, Orange, Riverside and Stanislaus** counties are of concern.
 - A) As long as the driver has a certificate indicating that the shipment was inspected and found free of Imported Fire Ant, or the driver's log book shows that the shipment was not from one of the above mentioned counties, the shipment can be released to destination. Bees transiting the state in refrigerated trucks can be released to destination at any time.
 - B) If the shipment is from an above-mentioned county **except Fresno, Madera, and Stanislaus** counties, has no certification and is only transiting the state: **1)** check to see that the load is netted and, **2)** make a quick check to see that there is no obvious clumps of soil in among the pallets. If the load is netted and no soil is found, release the shipment to destination. **3)** If the load is not netted or if clumps of soil are found (only lumps of soil the size of a soccer ball or larger are of concern) please contact the Department of Agriculture, Boise (208) 332-8620 or Twin Falls (208) 736-2195, as soon as possible.
 - C) If the shipment is from **Fresno, Madera, and Stanislaus** counties, refer to the attached list. Only those beekeepers listed for each county need have an inspection certificate, all others may be inspected and released.
 - D) If the shipment is going to an Idaho destination and is from one of the above- mentioned counties, please file a fully completed contact report as soon as possible. The Department of Agriculture will follow-up.
- 2) All loads of bees transiting the state in inter-state commerce are required by law to be netted or in refrigerated trucks.

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- 3) The movement of honeybees and equipment within the state are not regulated.
- 4) Please file a contact report on all loads of honeybees encountered.

Thank you very much for the job you do for the Department for Agriculture. The movement of fire ants on honeybee pallets is a rather new development and the Department is working hard to keep up with the situation.

cc: Plant Inspectors
Dr. Roger Vega, Administrator
Mr. Curt Thornburg, Supervisor
Mr. Garry West, Supervisor
Idaho Registered Beekeepers

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All Orchards & Vineyards Currently Regulated For RIFA – 2/21/01

Fresno County

1. Paul Bettencourt, 106 acres of almonds at Lake & North in Kerman.
✕ Beekeeper is Bob Felker, 980 N. Napa, Kerman (559) 846-5497 & 246-2337. 160 colonies regulated; Almost 12,000 brokered bees in 18 non-regulated locations.
2. Joseph & Ann Lewis, 2 acres of persimmons at 5333 N. Leonard, Clovis.
No bees in persimmons.
3. Pam Kaur Janda, 23 acres of almonds at 521 E. Sheppard, Fresno.
✕ Beekeeper is Rich & Lauri Allen of 367 Strauss Lane, Madera 93637 (559) 675-8084 45 colonies. They have four non-regulated locations totaling about 500 colonies.

Madera County

1. Akram Mohammad, 325 acres of almonds. Beekeeper is Bill Ryan, 4134 Alto Campo, Redding, 96002. (530) 221-2415. 180 colonies regulated; 612 non-regulated in 4 other locations.
2. Greenleaf Farms, 77 acres of almonds. Beekeepers are Jeff & Wade ✕ Anderson, dba Bear Paw Apiaries, PO Box 748, Chinook, MT 59523 (406) 357-2953 & 357-3835. 144 regulated colonies.
3. Greenleaf Farms, 75 acres of almonds. Same address as above. 36 regulated colonies; 2420 non-regulated colonies at 4 other locations.
4. Greenleaf Farms, 67.5 acres of prunes. No bees used in prunes.
5. Cesar-Bunari, 80 acres of pistachios. No bees used in pistachios.
6. DLM Partners, 40 acres of grapes. No bees used in grapes.
7. Lend Lease Agribusiness (was Ron Storelli dba DeBenedetto Farms) 77 acres of figs. No bees used in figs.

All of the orchards listed above are located just east of Road 24 and Avenue 23 ½, in Chowchilla.

Stanislaus County

1. JCM Farming, 1000 acres of almonds. Beekeepers are Darryl ✕ Orletsky dba Apis, Inc. PO Box 2975, Mesa, AZ 85214 (602) 284-1088 1936 regulated colonies; 3464 non-regulated hives at 8 locations.
And,
✕ Leroy Brant, 12924 Orange Blossom Rd., Oakdale, 95361 (209) 847-6887 & (209) 606-1999. 764 regulated hives; 2736 non-regulated colonies at 8 locations.
2. S. Endsley, 311 acres of almonds. Not being pollinated this year due to land development.

3. **D. Cunningham, 145 acres of almonds. Beekeeper is Ron Larsen. ★
Box 64, Laurel, MT 59066, (406) 628-8681. 1000 regulated hives;
3000 non-regulated colonies at 10 other locations.**

These orchards are located at Township 4 S, Range 11 E, in Sections 21, 23 & 26, respectively, near the town of Hickman.